

Resolution No. 717

WHEREAS, Walla Walla County Deputy Sheriff Michael Estes died in the line of duty on February 14, 2007 as a result of a car crash at the intersection of U.S. Highway 12 and State Route 124 while responding to a 911 emergency call; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Estes served in the U.S. Army from May of 1984 to November of 1996, and had been a member of the Oregon National Guard since 2003; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Estes worked as a corrections officer at the Washington State Penitentiary; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Estes served as a Walla Walla County Deputy Sheriff from 2005 until his death and is the only Walla Walla County Deputy to ever lose his life in Walla Walla County; and

WHEREAS, a new grade separated interchange was completed in May 2012 at a cost of \$21.3 million at U.S. Highway 12 and State Route 124 and was constructed for safety purposes highlighted in part by the death of Deputy Estes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Transportation Commission recognizes Deputy Estes' significant contributions to the well-being of our nation and state through his service in the U.S. Army, Oregon National Guard, as a Washington State Correctional Officer, and as a Walla Walla County Deputy Sheriff; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington State Transportation Commission hereby names the State Route 124 overpass at the U.S. Highway 12 interchange the "Deputy Michael Estes Overpass"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington State Transportation Commission requests the Department of Transportation to provide signing reflecting this naming designation accordingly.

ADOPTED this 10th of December, 2013.

WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION


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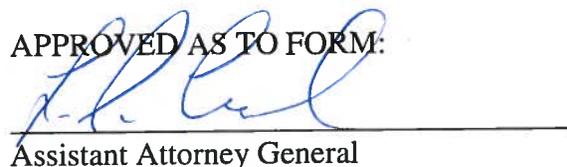

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